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Dear Mr. Casey:

Washington, DC

The PBS 13-part series Vietnam: A Television History has outraged patriotic Americans. The Organization of American Historians, among others, has criticized this version of the war as journalistic and not historically factual.

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the government agency that contributed \$1.2 million to this \$5.6 million production is reported to have received more protests over this project than any other. The views of historians who were interviewed and listed as consultants were almost totally left out.

This PBS misrepresentation of the facts, if allowed to go uncorrected, will continue to misinform and confuse American understanding of the geopolitical realities of today, undermining our resolve as Americans to face mounting Communist aggression in other areas such as Central America - just two hours from our southern border.

The danger goes deeper. The PBS production is already being used in over 150 colleges throughout our Our youth is having its mind set by this media rewriting of history.

Something must be done and something is being done. Accuracy in Media (AIM) is taking action. The National Endowment for the Humanities has responded to our representation with a grant of \$30,000 to prepare a critique of the PBS series for television. We need to raise an additional \$170,000 to cover the cost of production and distribution of our two-hour documentary that corrects the historical distortions in the PBS series.

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Our production is well advanced and will be ready for national distribution by next month. Mr. Charlton Heston is the narrator.

We need your help. Will you join with others in making a special contribution to this project? Hundreds of AIM supporters, individuals and corporations, are responding with contributions that range from five dollars to ten thousand dollars. Please help us to get the facts out to the American people on the Vietnam War.

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